

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS
(Report No. A16-013)

DATE: June 24, 2016
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
SUBJECT: Special Audit of the Accounts of Former City Attorney, Warren M.S. Ernst¹

The Office of the City Auditor completed the *Special Audit of the Accounts of the Former City Attorney, Warren M.S. Ernst* and determined the accounts of the former City Attorney were in order. The former City Attorney, who retired on April 29, 2016, was timely removed from access to City of Dallas (City) systems and does not owe any debt to the City. All City items assigned to the former City Attorney were substantiated.

We appreciate the cooperation we received from City management and staff and the City Attorney's staff during the conduct of this audit. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 214-670-3222 or Carol A. Smith, First Assistant City Auditor, at 214-670-4517.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig D. Kinton".

Craig D. Kinton
City Auditor

¹ We conducted this audit under the authority of and in accordance with the City Charter, Chapter IX, Sections 3 and 4, and the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Plan approved by the City Council. This performance audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. The objectives of the audit were to ensure that the City had properly controlled and accounted for any City assets assigned to the former City Attorney, removed the former City Attorney as an authorized agent of the City, and ensured the former City Attorney did not have any outstanding debts owed to the City; however, certain other matters, procedures, and transactions outside the period may have been reviewed to understand and verify information during the audit period.

To achieve our objectives, we verified that: (1) items identified, on the City's Termination Check List as assigned to the former City Attorney, were returned; (2) the former City Attorney's information technology system access was revoked; and, (3) final payment to the former City Attorney was accurate and that no debts were owed.

C: A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
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